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FOR OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL; EUR/CE FOR CASAGRANDE

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SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR EXPORT LICENSE OF IMAGE INTENSIFIER
TUBES FOR USE AT EUROPEAN SOUTHERN OBSERVATORY,
LA SILLA, CHILE

1. SUMMARY: THE EUROPEAN SOUTHERN OBSERVATORY, A CONSORTIUM
FORMED BY BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRANCE, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS,
AND SWEDEN FOR THE PURSUIT OF ASTRONOMICAL KNOWLEDGE, HAS
REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AN EXPORT LICENSE FOR
FOUR IMAGE INTENSIFIER TUBES MANUFACTURED BY ITT. END SUMMARY.

2. POST HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY EUROPEAN SOUTHERN OBSERVATORY (ESO)
FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AN EXPORT LICENSE FOR FOUR ITT
MODEL F-4089 IMAGE INTENSIFIER TUBES FOR USE AT LA SILLA,
CHILE, OBSERVATORY ON ESO'S 3.6 METER TELESCOPE. TUBES ARE
REPORTEDLY ON MC LIST OF CONTROLLED ITEMS, AND THEREFORE
MAY BE ON EMBARGO LIST OF ITEMS WHICH MAY BE EXPORTED TO
CHILE UNDER PROVISIONS OF P.L. 94-329. HOWEVER, EXTENUATING
CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST WHICH MAY ALLOW OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL
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TO AUTHORIZE EXPORT OF ITEMS IN QUESTION.

3. ESO IS COOPERATIVE SCIENTIFIC ENDEAVOR OF GOVERNMENTS OF
BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRANCE, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, AND SWEDEN.
ESO HAS FULL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION STATUS IN CHILE AND IS
TREATED AS DIPLOMATIC MISSION THERE FOR CHILEAN ADMINISTRATIVE
PURPOSES. ESO AND ITS SCIENTISTS WELL KNOWN IN U.S. SCIENTIFIC

CIRCLES, ESPECIALLY SINCE U.S. OPERATES TWO SIMILAR INSTALLATIONS ABOUT 30 MILES FROM LA SILLA. ONE IS OPERATED BY CARNEGIE INSTITUTE, THE OTHER BY U.S. ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES FOR RESEARCH IN ASTRONOMY.

4. IMAGE INTENSIFIER TUBES WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY BY OBERVATORY FOR INHANCEMENT OF IMAGE ON ITS 3.6 METER TELESCOPE. NO RPT NO MILITARY APPLICATIONS OF TUBES WILL BE MADE. TUBES WILL BE SHIPPED TO GERMANY INITIALLY AND THEN SENT TO CHILE VIA GERMAN DIPLOMATIC POUCH. NO RPT NO POSSIBILITY OF INTERCEPTION BY GOVERNMENT OF CHILE FORESEEN.

5. IN VIEW OF: A) GOVERNMENTAL STATUS OF END USER; B) NON-MILITARY APPLICATION OF ITT MODEL F-4089 IMAGE INTENSIFIER TUBES IN PURELY SCIENTIFIC PURSUITS; AND C) RELATIVE IMPOSSIBILITY OF DIVERSION OF TUBES INTO HANDS OF GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, POST REQUESTS OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL RULING ON WHETHER THIS SHIPMENT COULD BE AUTHORIZED IN CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED ABOVE.

6. AT TERMINATION OF TUBES' USEFUL LIFE, THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO GERMANY FOR DESTRUCTION. SHOULD THIS BE SOLE STUMBLING BLOCK TO GRANTING OF LICENSE, PLEASE ADVISE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION DESIRED BY MC.

7. TELEGRAPHIC REPLY REQUESTED.BETTS

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